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In re the application of:

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING MICRO-ORGANISMS  
AND SUPPORT USED IN SAID METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 18, 2002

In response to the Official Action mailed June 18, 2002,  
please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new dependent claim 27 as follows:

27. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said sterile, inert solid support is placed in a location in said receptacle such that the support will come into contact with a culture medium contained within said receptacle.

Please rewrite claim 16 as follows:

16. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said physicochemical or electrical parameter is at least one member selected from the group consisting of CO<sub>2</sub> production, pressure, turbidity, oxidation/ reduction potential and pH.